

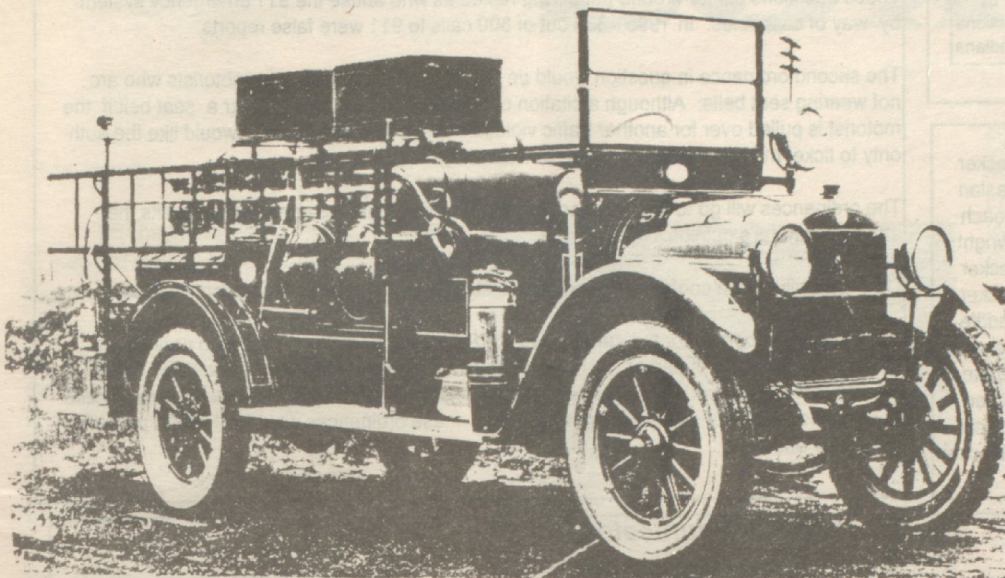
St John

# ST. JOHN COMMUNICATOR

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First motorized fire engine for the St. John Fire Department.

## THE ST. JOHN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1910, a year prior to the formal incorporation of St. John, a number of community leaders were of the opinion that the time had come to provide some type of fire protection for homes of the residents. As a result, the town's volunteer fire department was born, and continues a thriving existence today.

Initially, the department was made up of 12 men, but they had absolutely no equipment of any kind with which to fight fires. In emergencies they depended on a bucket brigade system to quench the flames at fire sites, however, each man had to furnish his own bucket.

With incorporation of the town in 1911, the fire department started slowly to grow and modernize. In 1913 the town board purchased three extension ladders and six buckets for use by the fire department. This equipment, such as it was, was placed in three different locations in town for the purpose of protecting the

A giant modernization step forward came in 1914 when a portable Obenshain-Boyer chemical fire engine was purchased for \$550. This piece of equipment was horse-drawn and two 45 gallon water tanks were mounted on it. Since the outfit was useless without horses, an arrangement was made that in an emergency the first fireman to arrive at the station with a team of horses was to receive five dollars.

With acquisition of the fire engine, a place to store it became a necessity. This need was filled when a structure for the purpose was erected on Joliet Street. The building which cost \$509, later served as town hall for a number of years. In 1926 the first motorized equipment was purchased in the form of a Reo truck with two chemical tanks. The cost of the vehicle was \$3,670.

As the years rolled by and the town grew, larger quarters were needed for the fire department. These finally were obtained in 1936 when the town purchased the brick school building on Schmal Street (now known as 93rd Street) for use as a town hall and housed the fire department in the basement.

Members of the St. John Volunteer Fire Department always have been dedicated and innovative. This was amply demonstrated in 1952 when they built their own truck which consisted of a Chevrolet chassis with a pump powered by a Chrysler motor. The pump was installed behind the cab which permitted operation of the truck and pumping of water at the same time. Heretofore, it had been necessary to halt the truck before pumping could begin.

In the mid-1940's many volunteer fire departments were being organized in small towns throughout Indiana. St. John's volunteers felt, along with their counterparts in nearby towns, that everyone would benefit from formation of a state-wide organization, such an organization, they believed, could be

most useful providing badly needed training materials and conducting successful lobbying efforts in the state legislature for passage of legislation of interest and benefit to volunteer fire departments.

Such a group, they argued, would narrow that gap in experience and efficiency that existed between professional fire fighters found in larger cities and their volunteer brethren in hamlets and small towns. The end result was that the St. John department joined with others and the combined group was instrumental in founding the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association, an organization still in existence. In 1953, the St. John volunteers received an award for the "Best volunteer Fire Department in Indiana." This is the highest achievement recognition that any voluntary group of fire fighters can receive.

In 1945 the wives of the firemen decided they could be a help to the firemen if they formed the "Fire Ladies Auxiliary. The organization was finalized on November 5 of that year, and ten ladies in the group elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Vern Kirby, Vice Pres., Mrs. Josephine Miller, Secretary, Mrs. Verna Thiel, Treasurer, Mrs. Josephine Scheidt.

Throughout the years this group has held various fund raising events, and when a sizable sum had been taken in they purchased various items of equipment needed by the department. The firemen themselves have always held an annual

dance to raise money for the department. The dances go back to a least 1930 as the following figures show their expenses and profits for the dance held on November 16, 1930:

Total admissions.....	\$39.00
Hall Rent.....	\$2.50
Printing Bills.....	\$3.50
Music.....	\$20.00
Total Expense	\$26.00
\$13.00 Profit.	

The first chief of the department was Jacob Spanier, who served from 1910 to 1914. He was followed in turn by the following:

Edward Thiel	1915-20
Roy R. Weaver	1921-25
Benjamin Klein	1926-36
Henry Halfman	1937-39
Benjamin Klein	1940-44
William Kirby	1945-47
Frank Miller	1948
Walter Hoshaw	1949
Nicholas Thiery	1950-55
Anthony Gerlach	1956
Herbert Hoffman	1957-59
Peter Halfman	1960
Nicholas Thiery	1961-63
Ralph Keilman	1964
Nicholas Thiery	1965-70

Clarence Monix 1971  
James Halfman 1972-77  
Clarence Monix 1978-81  
Sam DeYoung 1982-84

Dewey Snow 1985-Current.

From the very beginning of the department, the St. John Volunteers always elected their chief and assistant chief, as well as the Board of Directors, and that policy is still followed today. The department now has over 35 men and eight pieces of equipment.

The improvement of the town's fire fighting ability has brought about a reduction in classification from 8 to 6, which is reflected in lower insurance rates.

**St. John Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.**

The St. John Volunteer Fire Department was founded in May, 1910 by twelve members of the immediate area. The equipment that was used at that time was only a handful of buckets, a few extension ladders and a 45 gallon portable chemical Fire Engine. Also included later was a team of horses to pull the Fire Engine, a Fire Station and Town Hall built for only \$509.00.

Now more than 80 years after our founding we are located at the St. John Town Hall Complex at 11055 W. 93rd. We have at our disposal some of the most modern and efficient Fire Fighting Equipment available. A large majority of the equipment was made possible through funds that have been raised at our Annual Dance held in September. In April of 1989 we were able to purchase, with the Dance Funds proceeds, a new Chevrolet Four Wheel Drive Suburban. This

muting back and forth to Fire Schools and Meetings.

One of the most important assets to the Department is the personnel which serves the people of St. John and the Surrounding areas. Our department is headed by Fred Willman, Sr. Chief, and Assistant Chief, Tom Redar. Our roster includes 33 active members consisting of 4 State Certified Instructors, 8 Certified Emergency Medical Technicians, 1 Lake County Arson Task Force Man and a 1 Man Scuba Diving Team. However, with the rapid growth of our Town and Surrounding areas we are always seeking additional personnel.

The vehicles currently housed in our station includes:

600-1994 Chevrolet - as Incident Command Vehicle
601-1994-Seagrave 1500 GMP Pumper
602-1194 Seagrave 1500 GMP Pumper
603-1989 Chevrolet Suburban-Inhalator
604-1973 Chevrolet C-50 Equipment Truck
605-1970 Chevrolet Grass Buggy
606-1945 Mack 750 GMP Pumper
607-1982 Pierce Arrow 1250 GPM Pumper
608-1985 Chevrolet Suburban Inhalator
609-1972 American La France 90' Snorkel

We are also proud and Thankful for the support that we receive from the Businesses and the People of the community that we protect and serve.



STAN LUKASIK JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PG 19 AND REAR SECTION.

PART II OF "THE BEGINNING PG. 4



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## Editorial

Issue: St. John seeks to add power to two ordinances.

In a recent Times article (April 12) the Police Commission stated they would seek an opinion from the Indiana attorney general on two ordinances to find if the town has certain powers. These questions center around penalizing residents who abuse the 911 emergency system by way of cash fines. In 1995 - 336 out of 800 calls to 911 were false reports.

The second ordinance in question would be that police officers pull over motorists who are not wearing seat belts. Although a citation can be issued for failure to wear a seat belt if the motorist is pulled over for another traffic violation - the police department would like the authority to ticket motorist solely for failure to wear a seat belt.

The ordinances will go to the Town council for approval while the commission awaits the attorney general's opinion.

Only time will tell if a conflict between state statute exists and what the outcome will be.

We sincerely hope that for the safety of our citizens and our children that said ordinances are put into place. It is part of the human condition to consider ourselves invincible to accident or personal property damage or perhaps it's just wishful thinking - never the less in case of our need for 911 or safety in a traffic mishap - these ordinances would only be in place for our safety and need.

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## A MESSAGE TO ALL DEAF, HEARING-IMPAIRED AND HEARING PERSONS:

My name is Jama Kay Emerson and I am a stage actor. I have recently been involved with a theater group in Northbrook, Illinois called Centerlight Theater at the Center on Deafness. Its main focus was on performing for the deaf, hearing impaired and hearing. Being a hearing actor, it was a wonderful experience both for the actors and audience. While the attention was on the actor signing (using American Sign Language) another actor was "voicing" the lines. In my case, songs were involved as we performed the musical Godspell. I've seen shows that have an interpreter at the front of the stage. this is fine but not only is it difficult, for example, for a deaf person to watch both the stage and the interpreter, it does not actually "involve" the individual. They do not feel like a part of the show. Godspell made **EVERYONE** a part of the action.

I would like to start a performing group like this in the Northwest Indiana Northeastern Illinois Area (including but not limited to Lake, Porter and Cook Counties). What I need to know right now is how much interest there is in such a group. This would involve hearing, deaf and hearing-impaired persons. I also need to know how many people would be interested in seeing and supporting such a group.

### THE BASICS

We need deaf, hearing-impaired and hearing actors and directors (ASL not required but a willingness to learn is!) We would also need an interpreter for rehearsals and performances. Also needed would be persons interested in reviewing potential scripts, costumers and set designers. At the beginning we would concentrate on non-musical comedies and/or dramas but eventually we may need musical directors, choreographers and musicians.

We also need supporters who would be willing to help with the cost of running such a production. Producers and supporters are critical, as the group would be run on a mainly voluntary basis.

As you can see there is a lot to be considered. But I feel that the rewards to the community would be well worth the cost.

**ANYONE** interested please contact me for more information at:  
(219) 659-3866 (Voice only) or through the Indiana Relay service at 1-800-743-3333.



2nd District  
DEMOCRAT

WILBUR  
COX

FOR  
COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER

Dear Friend:

My name is Wilbur Cox, and I am a candidate for 2nd District County Commissioner of Lake County. The decision you make will affect your county, your community, your lives, and the lives of your children. On May 7th you will decide who will be the next 2nd District County Commissioner.

For 24 years I have served the people of this county with the Lake County Plan Commission. I have had the distinct honor of working with the people of Lake County to create business districts that employ our citizens, helped to create new residential developments to house those within our county, and those wishing to move into our county.

Working with what I feel is one of the best bi-partisan boards in Lake County today, the Lake County Plan Commission, I have dealt with the issues of proper planning, road construction, utilities, storm water management, fire and police protection, economic development, and solid waste issues. We have formed a team-effort to make sure all of the citizens of Lake County are served in the proper manner.

I believe that education, experience, and dedication are the critical factors in performing well as your 2nd District County Commissioner. I have worked diligently with the Commissioners on a daily basis. As your next Commissioner, I can begin immediately to accomplish the tasks of the County Commissioners office.

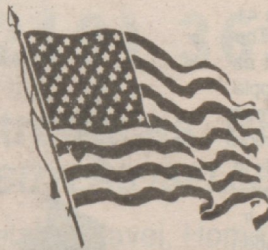
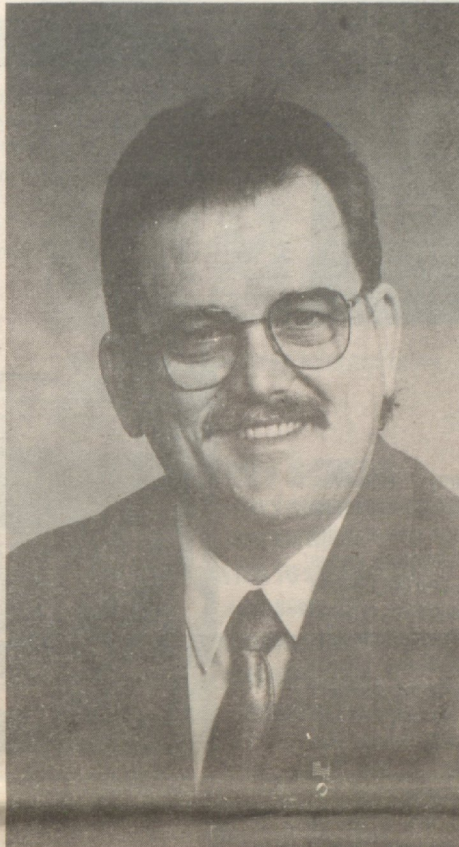
I ask you, the voter, for your support on Tuesday, May 7th, by voting WILBUR COX 2nd District County Commissioner.

*Wilbur*

**VOTE  
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#### PERSONAL LIFE

45 years of age  
Lifelong resident of Lake County, Indiana  
Wife: Nancy  
Graduated Crown Point High School

#### EDUCATION

Degree in Public Affairs, School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University N.W.  
Council of American Building Officials,  
Certified Building Official, Certificate #829  
Continuing Education Units, University of Wisconsin -Planning and Zoning  
Continuing Education Units, University of Wisconsin-Sanitary Landfill and Design

#### CURRENT PUBLIC SERVICE

Director, Lake County Planing Commission  
Councilman, 4th Ward, Town of Cedar Lake  
President, Lake County Redevelopment Authority  
Solid Waste District - Cedar Lake  
Representative Lake County Data Board

#### PAST PUBLIC SERVICE

Veteran, U.S. Army 1969-1971  
President, Cedar Lake Plan Commission  
President, Cedar Lake Board of Zoning Appeals  
Director, District 1, Indiana Association of Building Officials  
Commissioners appointed President, Ad-Hoc Committee for disposal of tax delinquent properties  
Commissioners appointed member, Westwind Manor Ad-Hoc Committee  
Arthritis Foundation, Chairman of "The Great Paper Chase" fund raising event  
Member, Commissioners Solid Waste Committee

#### MEMBER

International Conference of Building Officials  
American Planning Association  
Indiana Planing Association  
National Association of County Planners  
Masonic Lodge #1 57, Scottish Rite, Orak  
Shriner American Legion

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Authored the Lake County Building Code and the Lake County Unsafe Building Code  
Co-authored the Lake County Contractors Licensing and Registration Ordinance



**Peter Thielen**

## THE EARLY SETTLERS

In 1838, the year following the arrival of the Hack family, a second group of German settlers arrived in the area that would become St. John. Four families made up the second group, Joseph Schmal, Peter Orte, Michael Adler and Mathias Reeder. These four families intended to travel along with the Hack family, but for some reason that will probably never be known, they decided to delay their departure from Germany for one year. All four families settled in the same general vicinity of the Hack property. The descendants of these good immigrants, became, in less than two generations, good, solid Americans.

On December 17, 1881, Peter Thielen, a son-in-law of John Hack, recorded the official plat of the town. For some unknown reason the plat, as it was recorded, did not include any of Hack's property, the present site of the Catholic church, or any of the businesses located in the vicinity of what is now Route 41 and 93rd Street.

The recorded plat showed the area divided into thirty-three lots of various sizes. Four streets were also included: Orth (Joliet), Schmal (93rd), Hack and Thielen. Also shown was the depot grounds of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad, the location of Schmal's blacksmith and the site of August Koehl's Depot Hotel and Tavern.

## THE EARLY YEARS

The formation of the tiny community began to slowly take shape as more people arrived from Germany and settled here. Hack, a religious man, realized that a church was urgently needed. Father Fisher, of Chicago, had come to the community twice a month and celebrated mass in Hack's home.

Thus it was that a rude frame church building was erected by Hack on his property. Materials for its construction were donated by Bishop de St. Palais, and everything was hauled from Chicago by teams of oxen. Each trip required one week. No record remains as to how many trips were made. The new structure was the first Catholic church in Lake County and became known as the "mother church" of all other churches of the denomination in the county.

Scarcely had this church been built, however, than a schism occurred in the congregation, some of the members siding with Hack, but the majority, consisting of some eighteen families, siding with the priest. The dissident group began meeting in the home of John Thiel. Somewhat later these dissidents, constructed a log church building of their own. Here, in 1840 the first mass in Lake County was held, with Bishop de St. Palais officiating.

The historic log church, now located on the present church grounds and facing Route 41, had been designated as the first Catholic church in

the county. However, some history buffs say that the log church is the one built by Hack on his property, and not a frame church as church records state. They further feel that the frame church was built by the dissident group. No one can say for certainty which was built first. I feel that church records must prevail here, and one must assume they are correct. Therefore, the log church became the second Catholic church in St. John, not the first.

The Bernard Scheidt homestead was located on the northeast corner of what is now Route 41 and 93rd Street. The business also served as a stage stop for people going from Crown Point to the northwest portion of the county and to Chicago. Scheidt's son-in-law, John Miller, Jr., purchased the wooden structure around 1900 and constructed a brick hotel, tavern, and adjacent garage.

Other businesses located in the same vicinity along Route 41 were a farm equipment store, as well as John Thiel's blacksmith shop located almost directly across the street from the tavern and hotel. A saw mill owned by the Joseph Gerlach family was located at the site of the present St. John Post Office on Joliet Street. Local farmers brought timber from their property for custom sawing. At the junction of Thielen and Hack Streets the Gerlach brothers had a slaughter house. It was adjacent to the Louisville, New 4



Two views of the historic log church located on the church property along Route 41. The bottom photo shows it nestled among the graves of the church cemetery. Many of the early settlers are buried in this cemetery, and undoubtedly attended services in the church. As mentioned, the church is called "the first Catholic Church" in Lake County, but the church records indicated the first church was a frame building and the second was a log church.



**Johanna Thielen, wife of Peter Thielen  
daughter of John Hack,**

January 18, 1915 and was never rebuilt, although its foundations remained until the 1960's.

Albany and Chicago Railroad tracks which made it convenient to ship livestock as well as slaughtered beef. One of the largest creameries in the area was located on the south side of 93rd Street near its intersection with Keilman Street. The creamery shipped great quantities of dairy products, as well as farm produce from the many farms surrounding the town. Operated by several owners, the creamery was totally demolished by fire on

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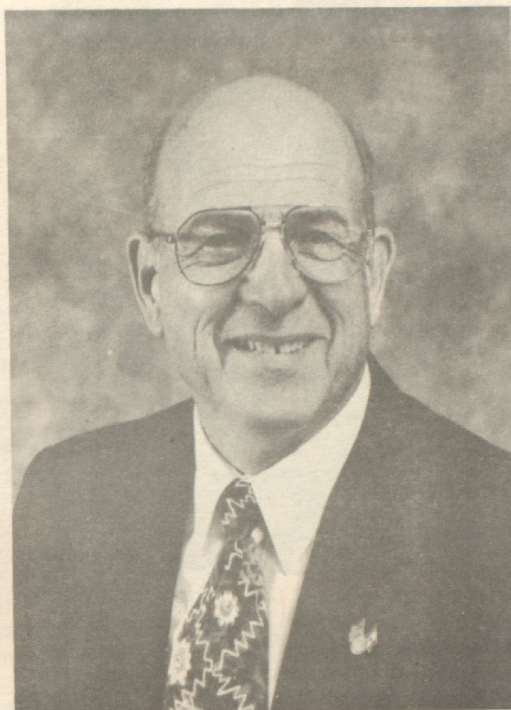
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#### PAST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- OUR LADY of MERCY HOSPITALS  
Board of Directors
- LCEOC South County Board
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Coach 23 years
- ANDREAN FRESHMAN FOOTBALL  
Coach 6 years
- SCHERERVILLE GIRLS SOFTBALL  
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Key Man Award
- SCHERERVILLE MAN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD
- ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH AWARD  
25 years of youth service
- REV. VINCENT MOONEY AWARD - CYO

#### POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN  
28 years
- ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE  
20 years
- ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC CHAIR  
14 years



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LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
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Gerry Scheub pledges as *your* 2nd District Lake County Commissioner he will work actively for:

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

- development and repair of roads, bridges and drainage
- work to ease the flow of traffic congestion
- renew the effort with State and Federal officials for a new east-west corridor

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- promote the development of good paying manufacturing jobs
- work together with State and Federal agencies to promote our counties "Brownfield" sites for reuse
- seek advice and help from business, educational agencies and union officials

#### WELFARE REFORM

- take welfare off of county property tax rolls
- propose new legislation to make welfare a state wide funded program
- make recipients perform public service or participate in job skill programs

#### CRIME PREVENTION

- work closely with the Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement officials to increase and enhance law enforcement presence throughout the county
- start a county wide abandoned building removal program to take away these areas of refuge for criminals, drug dealers and gang members
- supports using the Paramore Nursing Home for a county morgue
- proposes a new county wide substance abuse program

#### TAXES

- reverse the unfairness of current property taxes
- stop penalizing homeowners and businesses for revitalizing
- prioritize spending and maximize efforts to reduce county government costs

#### ENVIRONMENT

- protect ground water resources from contamination in the areas dependent on well water
- promote our counties "Brownfield" sites for reuse

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Northwest Indiana had its share of brush fires in Lake and Porter Counties in the 1st week of April. Smoke filled the area as gusting winds and firefighters controlled their direction of the blaze, keeping in mind their hospital was very near.

St. John, Dyer, and several other area firefighters protected the border of the hospital from the fires.

Employees in the new patient accounts building at St. Margaret Mercy, South Campus and other nearby business and homeowners were concerned as they watched the windblown, burning debris and smoke shouldering throughout all firefighters as

they worked together steadily into the night.

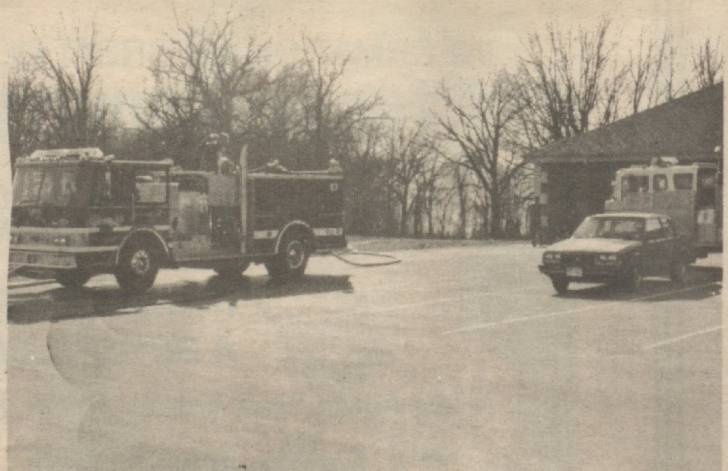
Some highways and main thoroughfares were closed as the firefighters worked, to get this under control. You know, those guys work very hard at their regular jobs but still put in the time for fighting fires and other emergencies that happen in their very own towns. If you ask any of them, they will tell you that they are proud to be volunteers for their community and its well worth the extra work. My hats off to all the Tri-Town Volunteer area firefighters who always meet the challenge for our safety. Thanks,

Jouglas D. Decker



### Just a Little Boy

He stands at the plate with his heart pounding fast;  
The bases are loaded; the die has been cast.  
Mom and Dad cannot help him; he stands all alone.  
A hit at this moment, would send the teams home.  
The ball nears the plate; he swings and he misses;  
There's a groan from the crowd, with some boos and some hisses.  
A thoughtless voice cries, "Strike out the bum."  
Tears fill his eyes; the game's no longer fun.  
Remember, he's just a little boy who stands all alone,  
So open your heart and give him a break,  
For it's moments like this a man you can make.  
Keep this in mind when you hear someone forget  
He's just a little boy and not a man yet.



Grammy award winning Alan Vizzutti plays with Amanda Schweikert in the Lake Central Band at Radison in Merrillville. Vizzutti played with Chick Corea, Doc Severenson, the Tonight Show Band, Prince, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand and many other stars.



# SOME TRI TOWN MINUTES

## St. John Police Commission

The regular meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on March 14, 1996 at 7:30 p.m., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Wozniowski called the meeting to order, then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken with the following members of the Police Commission being present, namely: Jim Wozniowski, Jerome Binkowski, Bill Haas, Gary Rassel, and Ron Vale. Also present was Chief Joseph Guzik. Commissioner Wozniowski advised the Commission did not request the presence of legal counsel at tonight's meeting as they had determined there would be no need for his services this evening, thereby explaining Attorney Weiser's absence. St. John Town Council Liaison Fred Kish was not present due to just being released from the hospital.

The monthly report for February, 1996 was read by Chief Guzik. During the month of February, 1996, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 10,920 patrol miles and responded to 221 complaints. Chief Guzik further advised there were 24 accidents, 1 personal injury, 8 offenses against a person, 18 offenses against property, 2 substance violations, 1 warrant arrest, 5 miscellaneous, 13 offenses against public health, order, and decency, 30 assist other departments/agencies, 114 service calls, 2 lost or stolen items, and 3 traffic misdemeanors. Investigation of these incidents resulted in 14 criminal arrests and 2 juvenile arrests. There were 95 traffic citations, and 89 written warnings issued. Thefts totaled \$4,101.00. Destruction of property totaled \$1,870.00. Chief Guzik advised the order in which the officers are listed has been changed per Commissioner Wozniowski's recommendation at a previous meeting. Commissioner Haas made a motion to approve the monthly report as presented. With a second by

Commissioner Binkowski, the motion carried unanimously.

**DARE Program/Community Education/Crime Watch** Chief Guzik reported that at 1:30 p.m. today, Kolling School had their DARE Program Graduation for the 5th graders. Officer Rudzinski was present at the graduation, along with Officer Post on who will be the Town's second DARE officer. Chief Guzik advised that a Citizen's Award Program for DARE was initiated for people who help and give contributions, and the first recipient of this award was Debra Farrenkopf, the Police Department's secretary. Debbie received a plaque and was recognized for all the time and effort she has put in at home making certificates and pamphlets for the DARE Program. Chief Guzik stated there would also be a plaque in the Police Department with the name of each recipient of this award. Chief Guzik advised the next DARE Program Graduation will be held at St. John Evangelist School on 3/20/96 - at 7p.m. Commissioner Rassel brought up a potential problem regarding the safety factor West of Town on 93rd Avenue. Commissioner Rassel stated he has noticed an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic along this portion of 93rd Avenue. He further stated there is no place for them to go as there is no sidewalk or bike path available. Therefore, this traffic is in the street. Some discussion ensued. Chief Guzik, as the official Traffic Engineer for the Town, stated he would draft a letter to Mr. Pete Monix, Director of Public Works, expressing his concerns, as well as those of the Commission's, and request his assistance in resolving this matter.

### St. John Town Council Meeting March 28, 1996

Mr. Taylor opened the regular meeting of the St. John Town Council, Lake County, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken with the following

members present. John Taylor, President Fred Kish, Vice-President, Douglas Patterson, Member, David Wickland, Town Attorney and Judith Companik, Clerk-Treasurer.

#### Resolution #96-03-28D - Bates Tax Abatement Public Hearing

Mr. Taylor commented that he has publicly made statements with regards to the need to attract an additional industrial base to the Town of St. John and that we are at an economic disadvantage with our surrounding communities because there are other communities offering tax abatement which is quite competitive with St. John. To put us on a level playing field it has been the policy of Mr. Taylor to encourage this tax abatement. This does not mean that these businesses will not be paying taxes, what it does mean is that they will incrementally begin paying taxes. Mr. Kish made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve Resolution #96-03-28D for a length of ten years. Mr. Taylor then opened the floor for the Public Hearing. Mr. Joe Hero asked that when you give a ten tax abatement, what does that mean. Mr. Taylor asked if Mr. Muenich would address the question. Mr. Muenich stated that a ten year tax abatement (inaudible) incrementally beginning at 10% for the first year and incrementally increase 10% every year thereafter until it reaches 100%. Mr. Hero then asked what advantage it was to the community to give a tax abatement. Don't the remaining people have to take the burden on themselves. Mr. Taylor stated that if you look at the history of tax abatement throughout the county and tax abatement here in St. John, they have given tax abatement to different industrial entities who would not otherwise be attracted to their location. If you look at the demand on the infrastructure an industrial complex coming in to our community is not the same demand that is levied against us as would be a residence. They pay for their own

refuge, etc. Mr. Taylor stated that he felt that he firmly believed that industrial development will not come to St. John because our multiplier and taxes are too high, unless we give these abatements. It is better to have some development than no development at all. Further discussion was heard. Mr. Taylor closed the Public Hearing. Mr. Patterson stated that first of all he wanted to correct Mr. Muenich on his deductions. The first year that an abatement is in place the paperwork doesn't get in so you are getting a 100% abatement. That would mean that you get an eleven year abatement. The second year is 95%, and then 80%. It goes in 5% increments on a ten year. He feels that and abatement is a requirement for this project

however he has a couple of considerations that he would like all to First of all it is an existing business that will go from tax paying to non tax paying and he feels that going to a three year tax deduction, which would mean a four year tax deduction, which would mean 100% the first year, 66% the second year, and 33% the third year, would more than enough off set the development of the amount of money he is going to spend to complete his business. Mr. Taylor stated that it was his impression that currently the Bates business is a leasing business at this point, and not a developed business so he will be stepping on to the tax role instead of stepping off the tax roles. Mr. Kish stated that if we had nothing in the last eight years, and now we have a chance for something else that will be bringing in taxes incrementally, he believes that we should pass on it. The motion carried with two aye votes and one nay by Mr. Patterson.

**Fire Dept. contract Shortage - Senior Drop in Center Agreement-1996 Fire Dept. Contract with St. John Township.** Mr. Taylor explained that the St. John Township has elected to short the town \$1,000.00 on our contract with regards to the

fire service for 1995. Mr. McShane has indicated that the shortage will be paid, however we are in the third month of the year and we have not as yet received the \$1,000.00. He is also asking for a \$1,000.00 donation for the Senior Citizen Drop-In Center which we feel is a worthy cause that we have participated in it, in the past. We feel that before we can contribute to this program we would certainly like to be remuneratively rewarded for our first contract. Until we get the \$1,000.00 that we are owed he feels that we are not in a position to contribute to the Senior Drop-In Center. The third issue that confronts us is that we have received our new contract for 1996 which is rather insulting. It has not been increased the appropriate 5% that it should have been increased. If you look at the performance of our Fire Department, it has been exemplary and, quite frankly, St. John, Dyer, and Schererville enter into that same agreement and we make the majority of those calls. In the opinion of Mr. Taylor, it shall be requested that before this contract is accepted that the 5% be added to the contract. Chief Willman stated that he had a meeting with Mr. McShane and his representative and they did choose not to raise the contract price and showed us an outline of the rates that they pay per call. The way it ends up between Schererville, Dyer, and St. John we are highly misrepresented as far as what we get for each call. He did say that they were going to change it this year but after our meeting he decided that this was not the time to do it. They were going to look at the next year to see if they could make some changes or adjustments. When he picked up the contract and saw that the fee had not been increased he felt it was totally out of line so any support the Town Council could give the Fire Dept. would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Patterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kish, to table the Senior Citizen Drop-In

Center and the 1996 Contract. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPT.** Asst. Chief Tom Redar reported the following calls for the month of February:  
St. John: 5 Medical calls  
5 Motor vehicle accidents  
6 Carbon monoxide calls  
4 False fire alarms  
1 Motor vehicle fire  
1 Natural gas leak  
1 Activated smoke detector  
1 Assist with stand-by Dyer gas leak.

### Minutes of The St. John Plan Commission

Commissioners:  
Donche Andonov  
Daniel DiTola  
Michael Grace  
Patricia Kocot, Vice Pres.  
Clarence Monix, Plan Comm. Sec.  
John Taylor  
John Herr III, Pres.

Staff:  
Donche Andonov, Zoning Adm.  
Kenn Kraus, Eng.  
David Wickland, Atty.

The regular meeting of the St. John Plan Commission was called to order with roll call at 7:07 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 1996. In attendance were: Donche Andonov, Michael Grace, John Taylor, John Herr, Pat Kocot, Kenn Kraus and Jill Seddon (for David Wickland). A quorum was declared present.

#### Old Business: Heron Lake Rezoning -Public Hearing

Mike Meunich spoke on behalf of Mr. Arzumian requesting a rezoning of a subdivision from single family dwelling to duplexes (R-3); the subdivision adjoins the athletic complex of ball fields and a running track behind Lak Central H.S. The duplexes would create partial buffer from the athletic fields and the R-2 zoning.

Donche inquired where existing residence were located: in unit there are 2-3 on the west side of Heron Lake Drive; no foundations are started on the east side. The only area R-2 is a bank of 5-structures along the



north edge of Ventura Estates, between Heron and Ventura. Separate restrictive covenants would be written. Meunich indicated that the lot sizes were upgraded from 15,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. to accommodate the duplex requirements.

J. Herr inquired if the covenants would require owner occupation; Meunich indicated at least half of the duplex would be so; making them into condos was suggested as a possibility. Changing from single family to duplexes would add nine additional units.

At 7:17 p.m., J. Herr opened the public hearing by indicating he had received a petition signed by 30 residents from the Ventura Estates area opposing the rezoning from R-2 to R-3.

C.C. McKagney, 8378 Heron Lake Drive, noted that at the time they purchased their lot two years ago, Mr. Arzumanian had indicated that the subdivision was going to be entirely single family homes, and had required "rather substantial" homes to be built. The McKagney's made a big investment to meet the strict covenants.

Terry Benjamin, lot 8, 8408 Heron Lake Drive. He is in the process of building a home, under the impression that the area would be entirely single family homes. If R-3 zoning is allowed, he feels property values will decline.

Jerry Rizzo, 8348 Heron Lake Road, the "last house toward the proposed rezoning." He was told the area would be single family and "was told how to build his house and how it was to look" according to the covenants. He invested "all of his money" to build the house; he felt the rezoning would create additional traffic and change the character of the neighborhood.

John M. Tooley, 8392 Heron Lake Rd., the first home in the subdivision. He was attracted to the area for the single family homes. He feels the original understanding of the neighborhood is being changed.

Jim Mucho, Ventura Estates, is worried about renters who care less about the property,

and who don't take proper care for the upkeep of the building. He felt it was not fair to the people of Heron Lake and Ventura Estates, not just the adjacent home owners.

J. Herr closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. Donche inquired whether any lots in the south end of the first phase had sold; Meunich indicated a developer had purchased two but was having trouble finding anyone to build.

J. Taylor sympathized with the financial difficulty of the developer, but sided with the residents who were given certain understandings about the character of the neighborhood. He would not support the change and suggested that the market values would have to change to sell, but that was not the purview of the Commission.

J. Herr explained that the Plan Commission would make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the request for rezoning. Motion: by P. Kocot, seconded by J. Taylor to pass an unfavorable recommendation on the requested change for Heron Lake rezoning from R-2 to R-3. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.

J. Herr noted that the Town Council will review the recommendation at their meeting and public hearing on April 25. Audience remarks will be included in the record. J. Herr indicated there would be findings of fact that he would sign and forward to the Town Council.

### St. John Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Trustees:  
Joan Millis, President  
Mary Ann Koke, Vice Pres.  
Shirley Hawkins, Secretary  
Paul Haller, Member at Large  
Town Council Liaison:  
Fred Kish

April 9th, 1996  
President Joan Millis introduced Norma Yaeger, the new recording secretary for the Parks & Recreation Board.  
Roll Call: The recording secretary called the roll. In attendance were Paul Haller, Joan Millis, Mary Ann Koke, and Fred Kish. Shirley Hawkins was absent. (Special Thanks to Shirley

Hawkins for the story of Mr. & Mrs. Hack, moving to the Community)

Old Business: St. John Boy Scout Troop 550 J. Millis indicated she had talked with Scoutmaster Chip Williams regarding the Scouts' project for White Oak Manor. Their work on the steps has been postponed to Fall until the developer can grade and seed the area. The troop will work on park signs.

Old Business: Ventura Estates Park - Additional Parkland

J. Millis noted that at the last meeting, Mr.

Arzumanian wanted to give lots 91, 92, and 93 as part of the Ventura Estates park. Millis noted that the land is still in trust; the Park Board does not have possession of the dedicated parkland for the original parkland for Ventura Estates.

Motion: by M.A. Koke, seconded by P. Haller that until the time the St. John Park Board possesses the deed for the land originally set aside in Ventura Estates, the Park board will not accept any further lots; the contribution will be taken under advisement when that deed is received. Passed unanimously.

New Business: Park Board meeting Date change

J. Millis announced that the Park Board will be changing the monthly meeting date. Motion: by P. Haller, seconded by M.A. Koke to move the meeting date from the second Tuesday of each month to the first Tuesday of each month, beginning with the June 4, 1996 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Any and All: Larimer Park

J. Millis presented a request for a semitruck load of limestone at Larimer Park for the ballfields, valued at \$180, based on a recommendation from Larimer Park J. Millis noted that the Larimer Park pond has been redredged. The pole with a dawn to dusk light used to have a meter to provide light for the pavilion. A lockable meter could be obtained at no charge; the charge for electricity would average \$6-7/month; the Town owns the pole and the light. The rental charge would be increased to cover the additional charge for lighting the pavilion. Motion: by P. Haller, second by M.A. Koke to Pete Monix. P. Haller inquired whether there were sufficient funds to cover the expense; there are sufficient funds. Motion: by M.A. Koke, seconded by P. Haller to purchase a semitruck load of limestone for Larimer Park,

not to exceed \$190. Passed Unanimously.

Prairie West: She is checking on lumber for Prairie West to gate off an area from the geese. Building materials are needed to create about 4 gates between the pillars. Motion: by M.A. Koke, seconded by P. Haller to approve expenditure of up to \$150. for purchase of sufficient lumber, lattice and hardware for construction of gates and fencing around the gazebo in Prairie West. Passed unanimously.

Girls Softball: J. Millis noted that the Girls softball league is asking for a donation of \$250 to sponsor their league. The Park Board supported a boys baseball team earlier this year. Motion: by M.A. Koke, seconded by P. Haller to sponsor one girls softball league for \$250. Passed unanimously.

Any & All: Homestead Village Dorothy Ash inquired whether there would be a park at Homestead Acres, off 103rd Court. She noted that the land had been leveled and the parking lot added. J. Millis noted that the land had not been deeded to the Town; when it is, the Park Board can determine what to do with it. It will be deeded with another piece of the highline all the way to Hwy 41. there is a formula that calls for increasing amounts of land as the amount of development is completed; as construction proceeds sufficiently, the total park land will be dedicated. The location of the park was determined before the building started.

### Town of Schererville Regular Utility Board

The regular Utility Board meeting was held March 13, 1996.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given in a flag Ceremony by Girl Scout Troop 463, Troop Leader, Cindy Horgash. Attorney Wieser then read the Proclamation, (March 9th - 16th will be Girl Scout Week, and March 12th "Be your best day in Schererville" in its entirety.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Thomas Shanley, John Fladeland, Mark Cowan, Michael Troxell and Ed Cook. Staff

members present: Attorney Wieser, Town Manager Steve Kil, Director of Public Works Ken Crocilla, Clerk Treasurer Janice Malinowski, Accountant Ted Sommer, McDonough representative and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

Items covered at the meeting were as follows:

Item A: St. George Serbian Church - Sanitary Sewer Agreement

Attorney Wieser stated that there had been a long standing disagreement between the St. George Serbian Church and the Town regarding the installation of a Sanitary Sewer Line on their property and also there were certain water charges that were unpaid for by the Town. Attorney Wieser stated that after negotiating with representatives from the Church and their legal counsel to resolve this matter, what will happen is the Church will pay the Town a sum of \$7,500.00 and the Town will also receive from the Church a Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to authorize the Town Council President to sign the agreement and to approve the Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement. Mr. Shanley seconded. All in favor (5-0)

#### New Business

Item A: Letter of Intent to Hammond for the purpose of buying municipal water supply.

Mr. Kil explained that we have a current contract with Northwest Indiana Water which will terminate the year 2000. Mr. Kil stated that our Accountant, Ted Sommer, has been doing a lot of work on the benefits of changing a water supplier, from Northwest Indiana Water to the City of Hammond.

Mr. Fladeland made a motion to authorize the Utility Board President and the Town Council President to execute the letter of intent to Hammond for the purpose of starting negotiations for buying our municipal water supply. Mr. Cowan seconded. All in favor (5-0)

Item B: Resolution #96-4, Water Tracker Resolution

Attorney Wieser read Resolution #96-4 in its entirety. Mr. Ted

Sommers stated that the Utility Regulatory Commission granted Northwest Indiana Water Co., a rate increase last October and this rate increase is being passed along to the Town of Schererville.

Mr. Sommer stated that we need to go to the Utility Regulatory Commission and have the engineering department of the IURC approve the tracker when it becomes effective.

Mr. Fladeland made a motion to adopt Resolution #96-4, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

#### Item C: Acceptance of Deerpath Phase III Lift Station

Mr. Kil stated that we have had a lot of problems with the Deerpath Lift Station in Phase III. However, the developer has made all of the corrections to the Lift Station, it is completely up to par and at this time he feels it acceptable that the Town formally take over that Lift Station.

Mr. Fladeland made a motion that the Town formally take over the Deerpath Phase III Lift Station. Mr. Troxell seconded. All in favor (5-0).

There was no business from the floor and the meeting was adjourned.

### Town of Schererville Regular Town Council Meeting March 13, 1996

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Councilmen of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President John Fladeland at 7:40 p.m., in the Enterprise Corp., 833 W. Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Thomas Shanley, Mark Cowan, Ed Cook, Michael Troxell and John Fladeland. Staff members present: Attorney Wieser, Town Manager Steve Kil, Director of Public Works Ken Crocilla, Clerk Treasurer Janice Malinowski and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

Old Business: Item A. Open bids for



## road materials

Attorney Wieser opened the sealed bids for Stone and/or Sand, Road Materials and Rotomilling from the following:

1. Walsh & Kelly
2. Bucko Construction
3. Wm. Walters Excavating
4. Rieth & Riley
5. Krooswyk
6. Coex
7. Stratego Trucking

Mr. Cook made a motion to take these bids under advisement for staff's review, seconded by Mr. Shanley. All in favor (5-0)

## Item B: Award Tax Anticipation Warrants

Mrs. Malinowski stated that she had gone out for bids from various banks. The bids were as follows:

1. Calumet national Bank 4.05%
2. National City Bank 4.13%
3. Centier Bank 4.20%
4. NBD Bank 3.995%

Mr. Cook made a motion to award the Tax Anticipation Warrants bid to NBD Bank for 3.995%, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

## Reports were presented next.

At this time Mr. Fladeland presented a plaque to Jesse W. Cook, in recognition of and in grateful appreciation for his dedicated and distinguished service as a member of the Schererville Police Department from 1973 to 1996 and for serving as Chief of Police from 1992 to 1996.

## New Business:

## Item A. Springvale Townhomes - request for Solid Waste Mgt. District monies.

Mr. Shanley made a motion to re-imburse Springvale Townhomes \$4,008.96 for Solid Waste Mgt. District monies, seconded by Mr. Cook. All in favor (5-0).

## Item B. Extend Waste Management contract

Mr. Kil stated that the Town's Waste Contract is coming up for renewal. He stated he has spent a lot of time going through the figures and Waste Management has offered us a renewal option that he feels we should consider.

Mr. Kil stated that these are the terms of the contracts: Weekly refuse and recycling service will be picked up one time a week as currently. All refuse cans

and recycling bins will be turned upside down after pickup. No sticker fee with this proposal. Waste Management will provide the Town with 48 roll off boxes. Mr. Kil stated that the pricing per unit, per month will be: 1st year - 6.68 per month/per household; 2nd year - 7.15 per month/per household; and 3rd year 7.22 per month/per household.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to have Mr. Kil and Attorney Wieser enter into a three year extension with Waste Management in accordance with the letter dated March 8, 1996, contingent upon the Attorney's approval of this contract. Mr. Shanley seconded. All in favor (5-0).

## Item G: Consider donation to Lake Central High School - Dollars for Scholars.

Mr. Fladeland suggested we donate \$500.00, taking it out of Cable TV Fund. Mr. Kil stated that there will be a scholarship named after the Town of Schererville. Mr. Cook made a motion to donate \$500.00, seconded by Mr. Shanley. All in favor (5-0).

## Item H: Appointment to Lake County Emergency Management Advisory Board.

Mr. Cook made a motion to appoint Mr. Bo Kaeser to the Lake County Emergency Management Advisory Board, Seconded by Mr. Shanley. All in favor (5-0).

Item L. Mr. Troxell stated that we currently have an opening on our Schererville Metropolitan Police Commission due to the resignation of Mr. Seroczynski. Mr. Troxell stated he would like to make a motion to nominate Mrs. Robin Thiel, seconded by Mr. Shanley. All in favor (5-0).

Business from the floor Delores Dye stated that in reference to the plaque they present Mr. Jesse Cook with this evening, she would like to say - that he was an outstanding Police Chief and he has always been there for the residents of Schererville. She stated that Munster's gain is our loss.

Mr. Larry Tucker, 8845 Clark Place, stated that he is here this evening to ask that streets in the Pine Island Subdivision be considered for paving this season. He stated that since 1980 the Town has paved three



streets and did some patching.

Mr. Troxell stated that they have been out in that area and are going to take care of that.

Mr. Hank Adams, 329 Maid Marion Drive, stated that in 1994 they paved from Route 30 down Lincolnwood and would like the council to consider finishing that up, going south on Lincolnwood (Alexander) to 77th and then to 85th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Hawrot opened the meeting by announcing that members of Dyer Girl Scout Troops would post the colors and lead the pledge to the flag. Hawrot then read a proclamation designating the week of March 9th through March 16th, 1996 as "Girl Scout Week" and this day, March 12th as "Girl Scouts, Be Your Best" day in Dyer.

Hawrot told residents that:

1. A service award is being presented to John Ozahanics, retiring Chief of the Dyer Volunteer

Director of Public Works, in which he stated he is relinquishing that position due to personal circumstances. Thomas asked that the Council allow him to assume an alternate position within the town employ. Hawrot said that Thomas will not leave the Town and the Council is currently looking at what position Thomas will fill. He further stated that the town is advertising for a new Director and will be accepting resumes through April 30. Kennedy noted that the Town must also post the position in-house to be in compliance with the town personnel policy. Attorney Sedia concurred.

**New Business:** Letter of resignation from the Park board by Patricia A. Ruth was read. Hawrot said that Ruth will be missed as she did an excellent job. He said the vacancy created her resignation is a Democrat appointment. Kennedy moved that Susan Grelewicz be appointed to fill the position. Motion seconded by Bodnar.

Under discussion, Kennedy noted that Grelewicz was employed by the Park Board as a secretary in the past and has a knowledge of the inner workings of the Park Dept. Grelewicz currently sits as recording secretary to the Planning Commission, Stormwater Board, Water Board and Redevelopment Commission. Three of those boards work very closely with the Park Dept. and this diversity gives her good background to be a Park Board member.

**Citizen Input:** Pat Schwoegler of 1504 Sunnybrook Avenue. She addressed the evacuation of the East End Subdivision and some of the problems that were encountered. there was a particular

problem with the path between Greenwood and Magnolia Avenues. Hawrot told Schwoegler that regarding that, the Town has just recently acquired that right of way. The Council has already had inquiries about putting the area into a condition so that it can at least be traveled on in an emergency. As far as other concerns about the evacuation, Glen Eberly asked her to put them in writing to him for further review.

Candace Bodnar of 506 215th Street, asked Hayes what communities he surveyed regarding how many people would be attending the aforementioned planning conference. He replied that he had Glen Eberly do the research for him. He said all surrounding communities, with the possible exception of Munster were contacted. Bodnar said it is her own opinion that because Dyer is the only community around here that has had its entire downtown district leveled - the more knowledge that is gained from the conference will only lead to more input toward the rebuilding of the downtown area. Hayes said that based upon ongoing budget concerns and what he learned from other communities, he was comfortable sending two people to the conference. Hawrot commended the Tri-Town Players for the job they did with their recent play.

Meeting was adjourned seconded by Bodnar.

Excerpts from meeting

## Town Council Meeting Tuesday, Mar. 12, 1996 Dyer Municipal center 7:30 p.m.

Present: Council President - Dennis Hawrot, Council Members: Steven Bodnar, Sr., John Korfias, Jacqueline Kennedy, Paul Hayes, Clerk-Treasurer - Thomas Hoffman, Town Attorney - John Sedia, Staff: Glen Eberly, Council Coordinator, Rick Eberly, Zoning Administrator, Wm. Neumaier, asst. Chief of Police

Dept. after 23 years of service. Ozahanics was in attendance and accepted his award.

2. A service award is being presented to Gary Stutler, a retiring member of the Dyer Volunteer Fire Department and a former Chief of the Dept. after 31 years of service. Stutler was also on hand to receive his award.

**Correspondence:** A letter from Bob Thomas,



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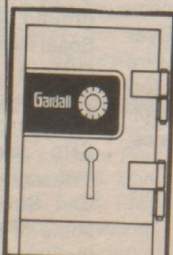
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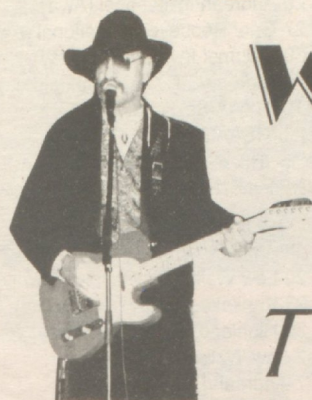
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## Academics

by Andrea Pedtke

Traveling a total of eight long hours on a cold bus sounds like fun, right? No way! However, although this year's Ball State English Achievement Day Team at Lake Central had to undergo that experience, it was not enough to prevent them from improving upon last year's third place finish. In fact, the team brought home a second -place trophy along with, according to several of the individual winners, some pretty nice Ball State sportswear.

The annual event, held Feb. 24, provided students interested in various English aspects to compete in different contests. Grammar, vocabulary, expository writing, world literature and research strategies were the areas of testing, which compared LC's students to about nine other schools. Sponsor Ms. Penny Tokoly said, "English Achievement Day is a rigorous academic competition. In order for a team to do well, each member has to be focused and give the competition his or her best effort."

That effort helped many students to win in one or more categories. Expository writing proved to be LC's strongest area, with senior Brad Rohrer gaining honorable mention, Sara Johnsen (12) winning third place and Casey Andrews (11) capturing first. Rohrer also placed first in the Creative Writing contest for the short story he had previously submitted. "Writing is our team's strongest skill, and we placed well in the competition. A look at our team members will show that we were represented by Lake Central's finest writers," commented Tokoly.

Another highlight of the team's day was the first place finish of the Research Strategies Team, which included Kristen Bogner (12), Lars Bergstrom (12) and Eric Rueth (11). The research team also won first last year.

In the vocabulary area, Johnsen and Jon Eller (12) won the second and third place awards, while senior Stephanie Fisher and junior Andy Krop won third in grammar. Team members were pleased at the events outcome. Eller, who

was also a member of last year's team, said, "Being a part of the competition was great, but the part that makes it the most fun is spending the day at Ball State with your friends. I was really happy with the team's finish, and I think everyone did a really great job."

Tokoly agreed. She said, "We scored well in competitions that match our curriculum. I am very pleased that we placed first in research and writing and that we did so well in vocabulary and grammar. So I think our second-place rank was wonderful."

## Clubs / Activities

Girls' basketball, football and other Lake Central teams aren't the only groups making headlines these days. Recently, the LC Centralettes competed at the state tournament in Indianapolis and returned with their second consecutive state championship trophy.

Since the centralettes do not receive the same amount of attention as other activities, winning a second championship helped indicate that they definitely deserve recognition. Junior Nicole Krucina and senior Tara Dimichele, co-captains for the team, provided the added boost the squad needed to place high at the competition, which was held at Bedford North Lawrence High School. Junior Mary Henry, dance lieutenant, said, "I was very excited about winning state again. We were so nervous because we didn't want to let down the graduates of last year's team and everyone else, especially Kevin (Mathis), our instructor."

Many members maintained the same attitude. "It was a great feeling. To know that last year wasn't a fluke, like everybody thought, we proved that we are the best by winning state again this year," commented junior Kristen Wisniewski.

Combining hard work, endless practice, and much dedication proved the key to such a tremendous feat. The continuous efforts of the girls at practices and other events also contributed to another first place finish for the junior varsity dance teams and

## 1995-96 Lake Central Spring Sports Schedule

### Varsity Baseball

Mar. 25-Munster (Away)  
Mar. 27-Valparaiso (Away)  
Apr. 2-T.F. South (Away)  
Apr. 4-Gavit (Away)  
Apr. 6-East Chicago Central (DH) (Away)  
Apr. 9-Calumet (Away)  
Apr. 10-Portage (Home)  
Apr. 11-Bishop Noll (Home)  
Apr. 13-Crown Point (DH) (Away)  
Apr. 15-Benton Central (Away)  
Apr. 18-Kankakee Valley (Home)  
Apr. 19-Hanover Central (Home)  
Apr. 20-Andean (DH) (Away)  
Apr. 24-Lew Wallace (Home)  
Apr. 25-Munster (Home)  
Apr. 27-Griffith (DH) (Home)  
Apr. 30-Clark (Home)  
May 2-Bishop Noll (Home)  
May 11-Chesterton (DH) (Home)  
May 15-Lowell (Away)  
May 16-Boone Grove (Away)  
May 18-Munster Classic (Away)  
May 20-Merrillville (Away)  
May 23-Morton (Home)  
May 27-IHSAA Sectional TBA

\*All Games Start at 4:30 p.m.

the varsity poms. Sophomore Nicole Gruszka stated, "Individual work and working on the feelings and facials of the routines attributed to the final product. Even though some people did not want to do these things, we would not have reached our goals without them."

Others agreed. "I practiced really hard for this title and it was a great feeling after we finished our routine," added sophomore Colleen Piekarz.

Behind every solid team lays the person responsible for establishing goals and incentives for the group. Director of the Centralettes, Mr. Kevin Mathis, said, "Whenever you are the defending state champions you become the standard of

measurement for the activity you are competing in. This provided an added challenge for the girls and they responded with maturity and courage. Winning our second state title was wonderful, but watching them increase their skills, mature as a team and provide inspiration for the junior varsity was the greatest joy this season had to offer."

Without the support of a few dedicated fans, the success of the Centralettes would not seem as rewarding. "Each member of the Centralettes and their families appreciated the increased recognition and support we have been receiving from our school this season. This is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Trujillo and the teachers and staff at Lake Central. At the risk

### Boys Track

Apr. 11-Lowell (Home)  
Apr. 13-Valpo/Carmel/Ben Davis (Away)  
Apr. 20-Andean Invitational (Away)  
Apr. 27-Gary Roosevelt Invitational (Away)  
Apr. 30-Calumet Invitational (Away)  
May 7-Andean/E.C.C. Central (Home)  
May 16-IHSAA Sectional (TBA)  
May 23-IHSAA Regional (TBA)  
June 1 - IHSAA State (TBA)  
\*All Games Start at 4:30 p.m.

### Girls Track

Apr. 18-Valparaiso (Away)  
Apr. 20-Lew Wallace Invitational (Away)  
Apr. 23-Kankakee Valley (JV) (Home)  
Apr. 24-Highland Invitational (Away)  
May 2-Lew Wallace (Home)  
May 7-Andean/E.C.C. (Home)  
May 14-IHSAA Sectional (TBA)  
May 22-IHSAA Regional (TBA)  
June 31-IHSAA State (TBA)  
\*All Games Start at 4:30 p.m.

### Girls' Tennis

Apr. 10-Portage (Away)  
Apr. 12-Highland (Home)  
Apr. 16-CrownPoint (Away)  
Apr. 18-Valparaiso (Home)  
Apr. 20-Lafayette Jeff Tourney (Away)  
Apr. 24-Munster (Home)  
Apr. 26-Merrillville Tourney (Away)  
May 2-Lowell (Home)  
May 6-Chesterton (Away)  
May 8-Andean (Home)  
May 11-Munster Varsity (TBA)  
May 11-Merrillville JV Tourney (TBA)  
May 13-Hobart (Away)  
May 15-E.C.C. (Away)  
May 17-IHSAA Sectional (TBA)  
May 18-IHSAA Sectional (TBA)  
May 22-IHSAA Regional (TBA)  
May 25-IHSAA Semi-State (TBA)  
June 1-IHSAA State (TBA)  
\*All Matches Start at 4:00 p.m.

of sounding cliché, we could not achieve our goals without their cooperation," continued Mathis.

### The Lake Central Centralettes

For an activity that doesn't receive a great amount of attention or recognition, the Lake Central Centralettes have surely shown they deserve some respect after finishing in third place at the Winter Guard state finals March 16. Up against about 20 other schools, the group showed the positive result of hard work and dedication.

Practicing--for some it is a dreadful word. But for the Centralettes, it meant the difference between a quality performance and a possible disappointing outcome. Luckily for the group, the four or five rehearsals each week for three hours a day contributed greatly to their 2 minute routine. Sophomore Colleen Piekarz said, "This weekend was the most important contest of the season. The top 10 guards qualified for state. We placed third in prelims and in the finals. The show felt real good

and we all performed very well."

Other members were equally excited. Although she could not perform due to knee injury, sophomore Lisa Hooper said she was happy for the team. She said, "They (Centralettes) are doing a lot better and are working harder."

And with a third place finish at the national competition, all that hard work paid off.

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Apr. 2-T.F. South (Home)  
Apr. 4-Gavit (Home)  
Apr. 8-Portage (Away)  
Apr. 9-Calumet (Home)  
Apr. 11-East Chicago Central (Home)  
Apr. 16-Griffith (Away)  
Apr. 18-North Newton (Home)  
Apr. 20-Andean (DH) (Home)  
Apr. 22-Valparaiso (Home)  
Apr. 25-Munster (Home)  
Apr. 27-Merrillville (DH) (Home)  
Apr. 29-Lowell (Away)  
Apr. 30-Bishop Noll (Home)  
May 4-Boone Grove (DH) (Away)  
May 6-Kankakee Valley (Home)  
May 7-Hanover Central (Away)  
May 11-Chesterton (DH) (TBA)  
May 13-Kankakee Valley (Away)  
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May 17-Crown Point (Away)

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### CAUSE AND HELP FOR LOW BACK PAIN By Dr. Corlin A. Stein

One of the most common health concerns today is low back pain. Low back pain can be one of the most debilitating injuries to occur to the human body. This type of injury is one of the most universal reason for missed work and one of the most costly injuries to the worker's compensation insurance program. To understand why low back pain is such problem for people we must first understand the anatomy of the low back.

The lower back or the lumbar spines bony anatomy is made up of five movable vertebrae, the sacrum and the iliums. Between each of the vertebrae are the spinal disc. Holding the vertebrae together are the spinal ligaments and also attached to the vertebrae are the tendons of the muscles of the spine. Running through the vertebral column of the lumbar spine is the endings of the spinal cord and the many spinal nerves. One of the main functions of the low back is to support the weight of the body which makes it especially vulnerable to injury. The basic cause of low back injury is the imbalance of the structural framework.

What causes this imbalance? There are several causes and one of the most common is a traumatic incident such as a fall, auto accident, lifting to much or the wrong way. Weak and unconditioned low back muscles are cause for imbalance as well as over exerted and over used muscles. Imbalance also comes from fatigued back muscles.

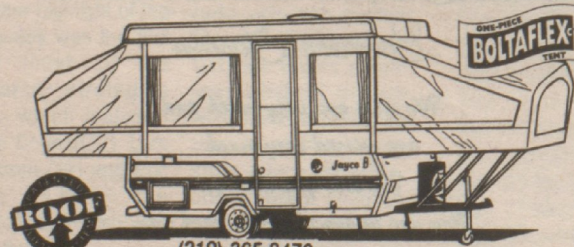
Lower back pain can indicate a problem within the before mentioned structural elements or may be indicating a problem elsewhere in the body. One of the more common causes of low back pain is that of a misaligned vertebrae or more commonly known as a subluxation, which can cause pressure on a nerve or improper spinal biomechanics. The disc are also a major cause of low back pain, whether the disc is bulging or herinated the pressure it can put on the spinal cord or spinal nerves can cause extreme pain. Another cause of low back pain his injured muscle, this can be very painful because of the contractions of the low back muscle is used in practical every movement we make, plus it is the low back and it's muscles which holds the up the majority of our bodies weight. There are many other structurally related problems that can cause low back pain as well as problems with the various abdominal and pelvic organs that can mimic low back pain or refer to the low back.

Since the cause of low back pain can be complicated and from various sources it should never be ignored or self diagnosed. Proper examinations including physical, orthopedic, neurologic and radiographic examinations should be performed or considered to diagnosis the cause of low back pain. Doctors of Chiropractic are educated in the proper procedure's for diagnosis of the cause of low back pain. They are also educated in the proper treatment or referral of various low back conditons and the public should feel confident in consulting a Doctor of Chiropractic for a low back condition.

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If you should have any questions about this article please write to Dr. Corlin A. Stein, 9121 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373 or call 219-365-2060. Also please send in your ideas for next months article, until then I wish you all health and happiness

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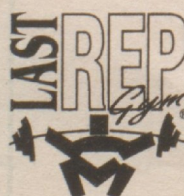
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Tatum \_\_\_\_

13. More  
agreeable

14. Francis who  
plays Laura  
on "General  
Hospital"

15. For shame!

16. She's "sweet  
as apple  
cider"

18. Genetic code  
(abbr.)

19. \_\_\_\_ Lauder of  
cosmetics

21. Employer

22. Colorado ski  
city

24. Frontiersman  
Wyatt \_\_\_\_

27. Fragrances

30. President  
after HST

31. Ingested

32. Rowing  
blade

34. Asian country

36. Poke

38. Frighten

39. Observed  
unnoticed

40. Optometrist's  
concerns

41. Picnic pests

DOWN

1. Rave

2. "Für \_\_\_\_"

3. Where  
stevedores  
work

4. Anonymous  
John or Jane

5. Mystical  
exercise

6. Compass  
point (abbr.)

7. Grants use of

8. Revolution-  
ary author  
Thomas

10. Cooks onion  
rings

12. TV producer  
Norman \_\_\_\_

17. Railway  
station

20. On \_\_\_\_  
(available)

21. Roberto's  
"one"

23. Blissful  
regions

24. Ferber of  
fiction fame

25. An Astaire

26. Discharge a  
debt

28. "The Thinker"  
sculptor

29. Host of

"Funniest  
Home  
Videos"

31. Collection in  
a poor box

33. Maroon and  
cerise

35. Stay where  
you \_\_\_\_!

37. "\_\_\_\_ Lazy  
River" (2  
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Oak Ridge Prairie	Stocked species: Rainbow Trout, Channel Cat. Other species found: Largemouth Bass, Carp, Bullhead, Bluegill.
Stoney Run	Stocked species: Channel Cat. Other species found: Largemouth Bass
Grand Kankakee Marsh	There is no stocking at this park, however, the series of dikes, channels and the pond provide shelter for the many species of fish that inhabit the Kankakee River and at times of higher water can prove to be good fishing. The park also provides access to fishing the Kankakee River itself, which contains Walleye, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Crappie and Bluegill.

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Schererville, IN April 19, 1996—Kevin Sherman of Four Seasons Travel in Schererville, IN has issued an advisory for consumers to beware of offers from questionable travel promoters. He noted that during the next summer vacation season, consumers may be receiving offers from travel solicitors promoting heavily discounted vacations to alluring destinations.

"It's always best to remember that if an offer sounds too good to be true, it usually is," Sherman said. "There are some basic rules of thumb to follow in the event you receive a travel offer: You should not give out your credit card number over the phone to a company or person with whom you are unfamiliar, and you are entitled to written information about the company with which you plan to do business."

Sherman added: "Consumers should always insist on receiving the complete cost of the trip and the terms and conditions in writing before accepting the

offer. Consumers should not accept vague answers, such as 'all major airlines and hotels.' If the reservations are booked through another company, ask for the name, address, and phone number of the company."

Sherman noted that many cut-rate resort vacation offers are made by companies trying to sell time-share options on condominiums. Consumers should ask whether their vacation time will be spent inspecting any properties since "high pressure" sales tactics usually accompany these presentations.

Consumers are recommended to work with local travel agencies and cruise-only agencies. A good source is the local Chamber of Commerce and the yellow pages. Locally owned and operated agencies offer a more convenient way to shop for travel bargains and can better customize your dream vacation at affordable rates.

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**CPU:** Central Processing Unit. It's the microprocessor, the main chip that acts as the brain of the PC.

**GIGABYTE:** A measure of memory. One gigabyte equals 1,000 megabytes or 1,073,741,824 bytes of memory.

**MEGAHERTZ:** The speed at which the computer's microprocessor "cycles" or vibrates per second. A common measure of chip speed.

**VIRTUAL MEMORY:** A technique that allows the PC to use the hard disk as if it were RAM; it is a way the PC can generate extra memory to handle more tasks.

**MODEM:** A tool to send information over phone lines.

**BPS:** Bits per second. A measure of how fast, say, a modem transmits data.

**MOTHERBOARD:** The main part inside the PC. It includes a microprocessor, other chips, and slots to add other parts.

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## STAN LUKASIK: THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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These Polish immigrants Phillip & Agnes came to America hoping to cut out a little piece of America for themselves and their children - which they did. They lived on a farm a little south of Dyer, where they did have a lot of hard work but many good times were also had.

Stan Lukasik met a beautiful country girl from south of Dyer, named Deloris Jaryczak whom he married in June of 1951 and was blessed with 4 sons and a daughter (Chip, Randy, Patrick, Timmy and Ronna). Mr. & Mrs. Lukasik have been married 46 years, and just like Stan the entire family are some of the nicest people that you would ever want to know. Anyone who knows them, will tell you the same thing.

to California for "boot Camp" then went overseas to Korea for over a year. He came back to the U.S. and spent the rest of his time here until he was honorably discharged.

Stan, like all young boys, had a dream that someday he would do something of importance in his life. He had decided on a life in law enforcement. At the early age of 24, fresh out of the military he became a police officer in Dyer, Indiana. At that time the force was only a 2 man department. A night marshall and a day marshall. Stan was what they had called a Deputy Night Marshall.

The Marshall system was a little bit different than the Metropolitan police system departments because this system wasn't governed by a board of Police Commissioners were well out under the authority of the town board and it's members. It was a good system we had state wide authority as a police officer, whereas city police officers don't have that type of authority.

While being a police officer in Dyer, he was also building his body shop business known as Stan's Body Shop on

Route 41 in Schererville. Mr. Lukasik retired from his shop 4 years ago and now his sons operate the business and he also adds "they are doing a great job."

After 14 years working for the Dyer Police Department he left to take an appointment with at that time Otis Owen, governor, as the Justice of the Peace. The governor appointed Stan Lukasik to perform the duties of Justice of the Peace for St. John township & Lake county, State of Indiana.

The Justice of the Peace system is a good system, as a matter of fact Montana & Texas still have this system.

The Justice of the Peace System was replaced here approx. 20 years ago with what is now known as the small claims court.

Most of Mr. Lukasik's cases were drink driving, speeding, wreckless driving and some area shoplifting. He would get all local police, state and county. He had to be available 24 hours a day, for needs of police for warrants and other night calls. You needed to be available to do the best job you could. It was an honorable and successful

system. He used to try 5000 traffic cases a year. He married people and had been thanked through the years by many different people. One young man came in and said that Stan made a big impression on him because he came before the court 4 times for speeding in a very short time. He (Stan) said "Son, the next time you come here before this court you had better get your toothbrush and toothpaste together and Kiss your Momma good-bye, because I'm gonna give you some Jail time, maybe then it will straighten you out."

He (Stan) hadn't seen the man until recently and he is now a very successful businessman, married and has 3 children and remembers what he had been told as a young man. He also passes on to his children to be law abiding citizens.

You know if you had a neighborly disagreement, barking dogs or leaf burning, etc. I would get them in my court with out attorneys and most of the time they would leave shaking hands, personal attention was nice.

Too bad this system couldn't have stayed this way with some obvious

changes says Mr. Lukasik you know just because an officer said you were speeding did not necessarily mean that he or she was speeding. He would hear both sides before he decided.

The JP system was self supporting and your court cost for instance was \$18.75 at that time. The fine was from \$1.00 to \$25.00 added to court cost. A \$1.00 fine plus court cost for instance, would be \$19.75. \$6.00 went to Township trustee who in turn, made sure that the local Fire dept. got so much out of it. \$3.00 went to the state prosecutors office then would go into a fund that was disbursed into another fund for law enforcement.

Well as 20 years of being in the law enforcement business has been very fulfilling, and he had seen a lot of things come and go, and being the kind man that he is, he wished me personally good luck in my new venture.

In conclusion, you can see how the Justice of the Peace system could have possibly been kept with some changes, but the personal touch is missed. Personally, I have known this family all my life through sports, school, and if you go into the yard you will see the courtesy that is given to you when you talk to any of the Lukasik family. Thank you Mr. Lukasik for this very interesting story.

The Editor

OLD  
NEW'S

## Lukasik New JP in St. John

**CROWN POINT** — A body shop operator who has been a Dyer policeman or a special Lake County police officer 17 years is the new St. John Township justice of the peace.

He is Stan Lukasik, 39, of Rt. 1, Box 852, Dyer.

The Lake County Commissioners named Lukasik Monday to fill the unexpired term of Glenn E. Rose, whose resignation was effective a week earlier.

Rose, 71, stepped down because of advancing age and dwindling compensation.

Justices are paid from revenues collected from defendants found guilty in their courts — and police had all but stopped bringing offenders to Rose's court south of Schererville.

Lukasik, a Dyer officer 13 years, is married and the father of five.

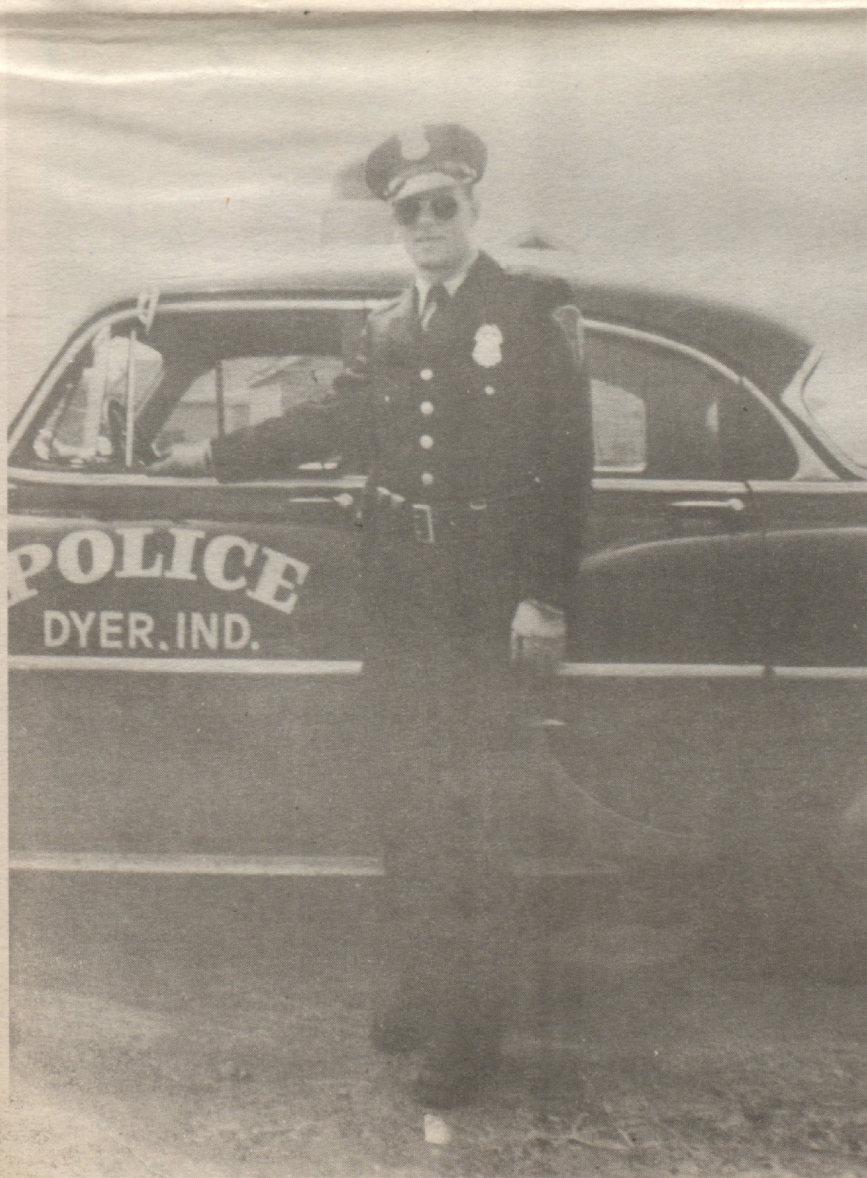
A lifelong Lake County resident, he was a Marine in Korea, where he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He has lived in St. John Township 24 years, operates Stan's Body Shop on U.S. 41 north of St. John, and is an auxiliary Lake County policeman.

St. John Township Trustee Louis Cinko, who was disturbed with the low township fees from Rose, was pleased with the new appointment.

He said Lukasik's court will be in an existing building used for the township's poor relief office.

The court will be next door to that office, where clothing for the poor is distributed, on the east side of U. S. 41 at the south edge of St. John.



Stan Lukasik's last marriage he proudly performed, Frank and Ruth Kammer



# STAN'S AUTO SALVAGE AND TOWING



Stan's Body Shop was founded in 1954 by retired owner Stan Lukasik. It's first location was in the rear of Joe Sedlacek's Highway 41 Garage (now Leep's Highway Garage). After six years of splitting time with the Dyer Police Department where he spent a total of thirteen years, he moved to his new and present location at 7967 Wicker Ave. Purchasing 8 acres from Charles Novak who had a large hog farm on U.S. 41. The first building was built in 1960 followed by 9 additional buildings to handle additional work, storage space for his fleet of wreckers, and

storage of vehicles for all local Police Dept.'s.

In 1972, Stephen (Chip) Lukasik entered the business after attending Valparaiso University. Four years later in 1976 they founded Stan's Auto Salvage and have been selling guaranteed used automotive parts since. "When I first started selling parts I would take the order over the phone, remove the part and sell it myself. The business boomed so fast that we quickly added 3 full time yard men and presently employ 8 full time employees in the Salvage yard," says Chip. "I believe the reason we are so successful in the

used parts business, is because we treat people the way I would want to be treated (fair and with respect)." the employees are helpful and go out of their way to answer any questions or show the customer how to install the part.

Patrick Lukasik is in charge of the towing and recovery end of the business, with eleven wreckers and rollback car carriers they are able to handle any situation from small cars to heavy duty semi's and are the utmost professionals in this field. "We pride ourselves in damage free towing. We have the newest equipment and technology

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"We give a lot back to the community" says Chip. We support the Lake Central School

corp. and it's Athletic Dept. especially. My three brothers (Randy class of 1972, Pat class of 1978, and Tim class of 1980 and I all participated in L.C.H.S. sports and feel obligated to help our student athletes as well as any other student organization that we can. You'll see our advertisements at all the town baseball fields. We sponsor baseball, softball, soccer, pop warner football and many civic groups. People don't forget that kind of support, and most will choose our business "first" for parts or towing services before shopping elsewhere. My Father has always told

me "Life is a two way street, you help people and they" help you. and you know what---He's right!



Mr. Lukasik got a new squad car then somebody tried to steal it. he had to shoot a few times to make the thief stop.